

Amended claims

- 1) (Currently Amended) A method for assigning an identifier to at least one of a plurality of displayable task schedules, comprising the activities of:
 - a. initiating display of at least one interface menu supporting user entry of decision information for automatically selecting a task from a plurality of different tasks and assigning a task representative an identifier representing a selected task to a particular task schedule of a plurality of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality of different entities, in response to received information identifying an event, said particular task schedule being associated with a particular entity of said corresponding plurality of different entities;
 - b. receiving decision information entered via said at least one interface menu;
 - c. applying the received decision information; and
 - d. automatically assigning said a task representative identifier representing a selected task to be performed by said particular entity, to said task schedule associated with said particular entity, based on the application of the received decision information, in response to a predetermined event received information identifying an event.
- 2) (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, including the activity of automatically selecting said particular task schedule from said plurality of displayable task schedules, in response to said decision information and received information identifying an event and wherein
the step of initiating display of the at least one interface menu includes initiating display of menu elements prompting a user to identify at least one of (a) the predetermined event triggering application of the decision information in assigning the task representative identifier to the task schedule, (b) a source of the decision information, (c) decision information comprising a procedure for processing data associated with a task to determine a task schedule for listing the task representative identifier.
- 3) (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein
the decision information comprises a logical procedure for processing data associated with a task to identify a task schedule for incorporating the task representative identifier.

4) (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein

the data associated with a task comprises at least one of (a) a medical procedure identifier for a scheduled procedure, (b) a time and date of performance of a medical procedure, (c) patient medical record information, (d) location of performance of a medical procedure, (e) patient type identifier and (f) patient physical characteristics.

5) (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein

said decision information automatically and programmatically without user intervention selects said task and assigns said identifier and

the entity comprises at least one of (a) a category of users, (b) one or more users currently designated to perform a healthcare worker role and (c) a medical device or system.

6) (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein:

- a. the decision information identifies the predetermined event and
- b. the predetermined event corresponds to at least one of (a) patient admission, (b) beginning of a medical procedure, (c) end of a medical procedure and (d) a user defined event based on information acquired.

7) (Original) A method according to claim 1, further including

applying the received decision information in prioritizing a plurality of task representative identifiers of a task schedule associated with a particular entity in response to occurrence of a triggering event.

8) (Currently Amended) A method for assigning an identifier to at least one of a plurality of task schedules, comprising the activities of:

- a. initiating display of at least one interface menu supporting user entry of decision information for assigning a task representative identifier to a particular task schedule of a plurality of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality of different entities, said particular task schedule being associated with a particular entity of said corresponding plurality of different entities and accessible by the particular entity, the decision information including data identifying:
 - i. an executable procedure for processing data associated with a task to identify a task schedule for incorporating the task representative identifier, and
 - ii. an event for triggering application of the procedure in allocating the task representative identifier to the identified task schedule;
- b. receiving decision information entered via the at least one interface menu;
- c. automatically selecting said particular task schedule from said plurality of displayable task schedules, in response to said decision information and received information identifying an event;
~~c. applying the received decision information in; and~~
- d. assigning said task representative identifier representing a task to be performed by said particular entity, to said task schedule associated with said particular entity, based on the application of the received decision information, in response to occurrence of the triggering event.

9) (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein

said at least one interface menu supports user entry of decision information for automatically programmatically selecting a task from a plurality of different tasks and assigning an identifier representing a selected task to said particular task schedule of said plurality of displayable task schedules, in response to received information identifying an event and

the data associated with a task comprises at least one of (a) a medical procedure identifier for a scheduled procedure, (b) a time and date of performance of a medical procedure, (c) patient medical record information, (d) location of performance of a medical procedure, (e) patient type identifier and (f) patient physical characteristics.

- 10) (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein
the triggering event corresponds to at least one of (a) patient admission, (b) beginning of a medical procedure, (c) end of a medical procedure and (d) a user defined event based on acquired information.
- 11) (Original) A method according to claim 8 further including
acquiring the data associated with a task.
- 12) (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein
a. the procedure conditions allocation of the task to the task schedule associated with the particular entity upon coincidence of a plurality of occurrences, and
b. further including acquiring data to identify the coincidence of the plurality of occurrences.
- 13) (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein
a. the triggering event is conditioned upon coincidence of a plurality of occurrences, and
b. further including acquiring data to identify the coincidence of the plurality of circumstances occurrences.
- 14) (Original) A method according to claim 8, further including
applying the received decision information in removing a task representative identifier from the task schedule associated with the particular entity in response to occurrence of a triggering event.

15) (Currently Amended) A method for providing a user interface for assigning an identifier to at least one of a plurality of displayable task schedules comprising the activities of:

- a. in response to a user command,
 - i. initiating display of at least one interface menu supporting user entry of decision information for automatically programmatically selecting a task from a plurality of different tasks and assigning a task representative an identifier representing a selected task to a particular task schedule of a plurality of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality of different entities, in response to received information identifying an event, said particular task schedule being associated with a particular entity of said corresponding plurality of different entities; and
 - ii. initiating display of an updated task schedule associated with the particular entity, the updated task schedule being generated in response to applying received decision-information, in automatically assigning said a task representative identifier representing a task to be performed by said particular entity, to said task schedule associated with said particular entity in response to occurrence of a predetermined event received information identifying an event.

16) (Currently Amended) A method for providing a user interface supporting assigning an identifier to at least one of a plurality of task schedules comprising the activities of:

- a. in response to a user command,
 - i. initiating display of at least one interface menu supporting user entry of decision information for automatically selecting a task from a plurality of different tasks and assigning a ~~task representative~~ an identifier representing a selected task to a particular task schedule of a plurality of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality of different entities, in response to received information identifying an event, and said particular task schedule being accessible by the particular entity, the decision information including data identifying,
 - ii. an executable procedure for processing data associated with a task to identify a task schedule for incorporating the task representative identifier, and
 - iii. an event for triggering application of the procedure in allocating the task representative identifier to the identified task schedule; and
- b. initiating display of an updated task schedule associated with the particular entity, the updated task schedule being generated in response to applying received decision information, in automatically assigning said task representative identifier representing a task to be performed by said particular entity, to said task schedule associated with said particular entity in response to occurrence of the received information identifying a triggering event.

17) (Currently Amended) A method for assigning an identifier to at least one of a plurality of task schedules comprising the activities of:

- a. initiating display of at least one interface menu supporting user entry of decision information for selectively assigning a task representative identifier to at least one of a plurality of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality of different entities, said at least one of a said plurality of displayable task schedules being associated with a respective one of said corresponding plurality of different entities, the decision information comprising including data identifying:
- i. an executable procedure for processing data associated with a task to identify a task schedule for incorporating the task representative identifier, and
- ii. an event for triggering application of the procedure in allocating the task representative identifier to the identified task schedule;
- b. receiving decision information entered via the at least one interface menu;
- c. automatically selecting a particular task schedule from said plurality of displayable task schedules, in response to received information identifying a triggering event;
- e. d. applying the received decision information; and
- d. e. automatically selectively assigning, based on the application of the received decision information, said task representative identifier representing a task to be performed by said respective one of said corresponding plurality of different entities, to said at least one of the plurality of task schedules associated with said corresponding plurality of different entities in response to occurrence of the triggering event.

18) (Currently Amended) A system for assigning an identifier to at least one of a plurality of displayable task schedules comprising:

- a. a display processor for initiating display of at least one interface menu supporting user entry of decision information for automatically selecting a task from a plurality of different tasks and assigning a task representative an identifier representing a selected task to a particular task schedule of a plurality of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality of different entities, in response to received information identifying an event, said particular task schedule being associated with a particular entity of said corresponding plurality of different entities;
- b. an interface processor for receiving decision information entered via the at least one interface menu;
- c. a decision processor for automatically applying the received decision information ~~in~~; and
- d. ~~means a processor for automatically assigning said a task representative identifier representing a selected task to be performed by said particular entity, to said task schedule associated with said particular entity in response to a predetermined event received information identifying an event.~~

19) (Original) A computer program embodied within a computer-readable medium created using the method of claim 1.